

No. 5 - Coachella Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Region

Region Acceptance Process Summary

General Description of Region

The Coachella Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Region is located in the upper Coachella Valley at the north end of the Salton Sea. Much of the Coachella IRWM Region boundary is defined by hydrologic boundaries, with the exception of the northwest corner where the service boundary of the San Geronio Pass Water Agency was used.

The Coachella Valley Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) is comprised of five agencies which are water purveyors in the Region. Coachella Water Authority, Coachella Valley Water District, Desert Water Agency, Indio Water Authority, Mission Springs Water District formed this RWMG group after a long history of conflict and litigation over water resources in this Region. The Coachella Valley Region has many Disadvantaged Communities and independent groups seeking funding to improve their water systems.

During the RAP interview, DWR inquired as to why the RWMG elected to terminate their southern IRWM boundary at the north end of the Salton Sea. The RWMG representatives stated that below their proposed southern boundary other issues exist that would complicate their IRWM planning efforts and distract the Coachella RWMG from focusing on the condensed population in areas within their IRWM Region. However, DWR encouraged the Coachella RWMG representatives to include the remainder of the CVWD service area, the southwest and southeast areas of Bombay Beach and Salton City, into their existing IRWM Region boundary.

Interview Conclusions- Approved

The Coachella Valley RWMG representatives agree with DWR about revising their southern boundary. As a result, the new Coachella Valley IRWM Region boundary will extend to the mid-point of the Salton Sea and include the remainder of the Coachella Valley Water District service areas to the southwest and southeast. The Salton Sea, however, is not included in this Region as Salton Sea issues are beyond the scale of a regional solution.